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APPLICANT: G. Cevc

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FOR: METHOD FOR DEVELOPING, TESTING AND USING ASSOCIATES OF  
MACROMOLECULES AND COMPLEX AGGREGATES FOR IMPROVED  
PAYLOAD AND CONTROLLABLE DE/ASSOCIATION RATES

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AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated September 25, 2001 for the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

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Please add to the application the Abstract set forth on the attached sheet.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

✓  
Please add the following sentence to the first line of text of the application:

B2 Sub 1  
--The present application claims the benefit of International Application No.  
PCT/JP99/00191, filed on January 20, 1999.--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

✓ ✓  
Please cancel claims 1-57 without prejudice.

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Please add the following new claims.

B3 Sub 3  
58. A combination of substances comprising at least one first and at least one second  
substance of which exhibit amphipatic properties when contacted in a suitable liquid medium,